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Title: INTERNET USAGE DATA RECORDING SYSTEM AND METHOD
EMPLOYING DISTRIBUTED DATA PROCESSING AND DATA
STORAGE

AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE

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Dear Sir/Madam:

This Amendment is in response to the Non-Final Office Action mailed April 24, 2003. Claims 1-39 remain pending in the Application and are presented for reconsideration and allowance.

IN THE CLAIMS

Please add claims 30-39.

30. (New) A network usage recording system having a multiple level distributed data storage system, the system comprising:

a set of first level network data collectors, wherein each first level network data

collector receives network usage information from a network data source, processes and stores the network usage information at the first level network data collector, including converting the network usage information to a standard data format; and

a second level network data collector, wherein the second level network data collector receives processed network usage information converted to the standard data format, from one or more first level network data collectors, processes and

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